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FROM GERLACH

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: SADAT'S SPEECH AT SUEZ CANAL REOPENING CEREMONIES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY OF PRESIDENT
SADAT'S SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED LATER TODAY (JUNE 5) AT THE SUEZ CANAL
REOPENING CEREMONIES. ENTITLED "THE GREAT FULLFILMENT", VERY BRIEF
SEVEN-PARAGRAPH STATEMENT NOTES THAT CANAL "COMPLETELY CLEARED AND
PURGED OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION FOLLOWING OUR GLORIOUS CROSSING ON THE
SIXTH OF OCTOBER 1973." REOPENING MAKES CANAL, "AS IT WAS ALWAYS
MEANT TO BE, A TRIBUTARY OF PEACE AND A CHANNEL TO PROSPERITY AND
COOPERATION AMONG MEN".

2. SADAT REMINDS "FRIENDLY PEOPLES EVERYWHERE" THAT EGYPT HAS
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"UNDERTAKEN THIS INITIATIVE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO

CIVILIZATION", DESPITE FACT THAT "CHERISHED PARTS OF ARAB LAND ARE STILL SUFFERING UNDER YOKE OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND THAT WHOLE PEOPLE ARE STILL ENDURING THE ANQUISHED FORCED EXILE AND BLIND OPPRESSION WITHIN THEIR OWN TERRITORY".

3. SADAT CONCLUDES WITH DECLARATION THAT EGYPT "REITERATES ITS DETERMINATION TO PERFORM THE SACRED DUTY OF LIBERATING ITS LAND AND ALL ARAB LANDS UNDER OCCUPATION IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, IN SINAI AND IN PALESTINE AND OF RECOVERING USURPED ARAB RIGHTS".

4. COMMENT: IN EXTRAORDINARILY BRIEF, STATESMANLIKE SPEECH, SADAT NOTABLY INCLUDES REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, WITHOUT, HOWEVER MAKING SPECIFIC MENTION OF THEM. CONTRARY TO LOCAL SPECULATION RE CONTENTS OF JUNE 5 SPEECH, SADAT DOES NOT TOUCH ON QUESTION OF TRANSIT OF ISRAELI SHIPS OR CARGO.

5. EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, SEND FOLLOW-UP CABLE SHOULD DELIVERED SPEECH DIFFER SUBSTANTIALY FROM MININFO'S ADVANCE. EILTS

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